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"THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED
ALCOHOL."
I believe that alcohol, to a certain
degree, demoralizes those who make
it, those who sell it, and those who
drink it.
I believe from the time it issues
from the cooled and poisonous work-
ing of the distillery until it empties into
the hell of crime, death and dishonor,
it demoralizes everybody that touches
it.
I do not believe that anybody can
contemplate the subject without be-
coming prejudiced against this liquid
crime.
All you have to do is to think of the
death—of the suicides of the insan-
ity, of the poverty of the ignorance,
of the distress, of the little children
tugging at the faded dresses of weeping
and despairing wives, asking for
bread; of the men of genius it has
wrecked; of the millions who have
struggled with imaginary serpents
produced by this devilish thing.
And when you think of the jails, of
the almshouses, of the prisons, and of
the scaffolds upon either bank, I do
not wonder that every thoughtful man
is prejudiced against the damned stuff
called alcohol.
ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

OUR OWN PUBLICATIONS.
Kidder's Virgin Mary.
The Blade has now published the
fifth edition of the "Virgin Mary," the
most famous Infidel tract of its length
ever written. This is the article for
which we were arrested, tried and ac-
quitted, by the United States Court
at Louisville. Price, 10 cents each,
or 12 for \$1.00.
THE HAMMER CASE.
The Des Moines "Capital" said
that Dr. Hammer drew a pistol on
Dr. C. C. Sneed.
Dr. Sneed said that Dr. Hammer
did not do so.
The indications are that the County
Attorney wrote the letter which Dr.
Hammer was printed in the Capital.
The editor of the Capital refused
to tell who wrote it.

THE GREAT THINK

THE B. G. B. IS NOW THE GREAT
EST NEWSPAPER IN THE
WORLD.

I have been telling you of the im-
provements I was going to make in
the B. G. B., and its present issues
are samples of what I promised you;
though we will make improvements,
all the time.
I think the Blade is the greatest
newspaper in the world in the highest
sense of the word "great"—that is
it is dedicated to do more good to
elevate humanity and make men and
women good and happy than any
other paper, Infidel, Christian or merely
secular, that is now printed anywhere
in the whole world.

I occupy the geographical center
from which such a paper should emanate—
on the line between the North
and South, in this, the greatest gov-
ernment the world ever saw.
All else that needs now to be done
for the Blade is for its friends, every-
where, and especially at home, to
make it a more powerful and reason-
able endeavor to extend its
circulation everywhere.

There is a danger that it will not
have, from women and men, the very
finest articles in Infidel literature that
the world can produce.
Do not mean by this, such heavy
articles as, unfortunately, too much
common too much of our Infidel lit-
erature, but articles that will be
popular, and will be read, and will
be filled with wit, logic and argument.
You may, in any department of lit-
erature, set it down as a rule that
when an article is hard to understand
it is not worth knowing after you get
to understand it.

People who have good and clearly
defined ideas in their heads are al-
ways glad enough to put them in such
language as anybody can easily un-
derstand, and when you read after
them you may just set it down, in
the back of your head, that that man
is trying to make you understand
something that he does not under-
stand, or trying to make you think
he is a whole lot more than he does
know.

GAM CAMPING ON THE TRAIL OF A LEXINGTON SCK JUSTER.

You recollect that when I was in
the penitentiary at the cream of Lex-
ington sky-larks, Catholic and Pro-
testant, had a piece in the Lexington
Herald, in which they all were
glad I was in the penitentiary
except a few who thought I ought to
be in the lunatic asylum.

Of course I am laying for those fol-
lows and, of course, I am going to
get them.
I've got one of the very slickest
articles in the gang where the hair
mighty short, and it's only a ques-
tion of time when it will run in
his hole, and he will probably have
to get a job of Bible bashing in some
other place.

I think Chicago will be a good place
for him.
About an hour before I write this
I met, on the street, old Prof. Neville,
of the State College.
He laughed and said, "You said in
the Blade, that there was a preacher
about this town who had been in
the penitentiary with his legs, and
cook, and you said if any body did
not think you were loaded, just to
look in the mirror, he had the mis-
erable fellow laughing at it and they
said that was the funniest thing they
ever saw."

"I asked Judge Parker who it was
you were talking about and he said it
was 'and at this point the profes-
sor called the name of the preach-
er."

The first man who ever told me
anything about it was a Christian
grand-juryman who said he was on
the grand jury when it was proposed
to investigate the case, and, without
having taken any pains to find out
about it, Judge Parker is the fifth
man of whom I have heard who
knows what sky-juster it is.

I suppose the thing is generally
known in Lexington and it will be
in before long.
A reasonable amount of that kind
of doings between our tone preach-
ers and the good looking white sin-
ners of their flock may go, but the
ladies ain't going to let the colored
sinners in on the same footing with
them.

There is a prohibition law in Al-
bany which is enforced by chopping
off the head of any individual who
makes, sells, or keeps a stock of
about the only effective remedy for
the evil and there are many fanatical
Protestants who would like to see
such a law enforced in this country.
Lexington Democrat.

Comment—Those who have read
the "Bastards," "Prisoners," "The
Abyssinian," know something of the
beautiful history of that country.
They Abyssinians are in the coun-
try. Prohibition is rather strenuous, but
if it had been applied in Kentucky
from the time Daniel Boone came
here, Kentucky and the balance of the
world, would have been much bet-
ter off.
Kidder's "Sacrament."
It consists of a beautiful sixteen
page pamphlet printed in large type,
with elegant paper cover. The price
is 10 cents each, or 12 for \$1.00.

TO PROSECUTE AN EDITOR

For Printing Passages From the Bible
Because They are "Improper
Matter."

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Carlton F. Hodge
editor of the Assumption, Ill., In-
dependent, is threatened with prosecu-
tion for publishing improper litera-
ture because he has undertaken to
print the Bible in his newspaper.
When he had reached the forty-
fourth chapter of Genesis in the pub-
lication of the Bible on use weekly in-
struction plan, Mr. Hodge received
a letter from a prominent official of
the St. Joseph, Ind., informing him
that the appearance of such "matter"
in a newspaper was illegal, and he
threatened to start a lawsuit.

Editor Hodge said he proposed to
continue printing a chapter of the Bi-
ble each week in his paper, despite
the threat. At this rate it will take
more than fifty years to complete
the work. Mr. Hodge will be 91 years
old if he lives long enough to see the
end of the task undertaken five weeks
ago. Providing, also, the St. Joseph
Bible Society, which is the basis of
Christianity, is to be taught to the
children in the Sunday schools, is
good enough to be submitted to news-
paper readers along with news items
of the day.—Lexington Leader.

Comment—Where are you, Thomp-
son and Bundy, and Comstock, and
Rucker and all that gang, if you
make even the pretense of being hon-
est?
You put in the penitentiary J. B.
Wise, of Kansas, for writing on a pos-
sible card one single verse of the Bi-
ble (Isaiah 36:12) though the same
language occurs in five other places
in the Bible.

When I wrote to the Post-Ex-
press at Washington, D. C., I was
called "The Infidel," which there would not be a single
word except quotations from the
Bible, the same language as the Bi-
ble, and I would offer no assurance that
I could do it with safety.
Now here is an editor who is going
to print in a newspaper, to pass
through the hands of a censor, and
to all classes of people, an exposure
which he will have to print six times,
and the government's censor, who
has already decided, in the case of J. B. Wise, that
this passage is obscene literature,
and has imprisoned him for writing
it one time, on a postal card and
sending it through the mails. What
are you going to do about it?

"What can you say about it?
A Christian can send through the United
States mail, matter that an Infidel
cannot send."
LIQUOR SWIGGING CATHOLICS.

In the Courier-Journal, of AUGUST
27, there is a big three-column pic-
ture of big-wig Catholics who are
going to elect "new grand offi-
cers."
In the gang is the Rev. J. A. O'
Grady, in a cocked hat and with his
shirt on, and a red necktie, and J.
O'Brien of Lexington.
Was lately reported by Cincinnati
papers, to have miraculously been
healed by touching the bones of an
exceedingly dead saint in a Catholic
church, in Covington, Ky.

Life is too short to read all their
proceedings in electing their "grand"
and "supreme grand" officers, but the
list of grub and liquor they had run
as follows:
Consume in cups.
Olives.
Soft-shell crabs in a Tartare. Amou-
nitions Pilots, Atix Pommes de terre
Parisienne.
Sweetmeats.
String beans.
Champagne punch.
Spring chicken.
Mayonnaise of celery.
Napoléon ice cream Assorted cakes
Rouffes, cheese.
Coffee.
Cigars.

These are the Thomas Perkins that
are always howling and yowling
around about "taking up their cross-
es" and "bearing them lowly," and
a great string of dumbfollies,
and then filling their gullets with the
most expensive French grub and
servant girls and Irish railroad
and turnpike grub, and then saying
that they are Christians who don't
go to eat.

PETITIONS FOR DR. HAMMER.
Are coming to me only fairly well
and are being forwarded by me to
Gov. Cummins.
Please, all friends to me, fill up
the pardon blank in the Blade, and
with as many names as you can get
and send them to me.
Send us a club of five and read
"Behind the Bars" free.

Comment—Reckon it's Dr. Bowles
that's running all the piety in that
state.
Lots of people killed by lightning
in Indiana this year. I am looking
for it to get Bowles just any day.

**LAMENTED CONDITION
OF COLDNESS PREVALENT.**
Tevarkian, Ark., Aug. 21.—A man
named Perkins, the alleged divine
healer and prophet, who has been
posting for the last ten days as an
angel of Christ, whom he declared
would appear in a few days, was taken
out of town last night by white
coppers and flogged and his hair cut
short. He was then given thirty min-
utes to leave town.
A notice left on Perkins' door read:
"The same fate sympathizers."
Comment—I don't want any Infidel
travelling such doings as that
about the State, if you are going
to lambaste any preacher let him
draw the fine city sky-busters
and their salaries; don't perse-
cute any poor devil like Perkins.

**A SCRIPTURAL BILLYDOO
TO GOV. CUMMINS.**
Quakeress, Aug. 29, E. M. 302.
Gov. A. B. Cummins:
Dear Sir—I do not know anything
about your religious opinions.
If you were an Infidel you ought
to be in the penitentiary to listen to
me because I am appealing to you for
justice to another Infidel. I am not
begging you to show mercy to a crim-
inal. I am asking you to do justice
to a good man.
If you are a Christian your Bible-
talks Luke 12:1-12:16 tell you that
showing that you ought to listen to
me.
It is known as "the parable of the
unfortunate widow." It is true I am
not a widow—my wife is living—but
I've got a strong case on you, if we
are to go by the Bible, than that wid-
ow had.
Beside the general injunction of the

ENRY.